

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team
Meeting Notes
April 21, 2004**

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) is concerned that hazard trees are falling in areas that are open to the public. The threat exists in areas with drought-killed piñon and where trees have been killed during the Cerro Grande Fire. These areas should be evacuated when wind speeds exceed 10 miles per hour. Doug also reported that fire hazard reduction activities are being conducted in Rendija Canyon.

Sam Loftin (Ecology Group) announced that the field trip with Bill Armstrong to fire hazard reduction areas in Pueblo Canyon and Bayo Canyon has been postponed until later this spring. Also, Sam and John Huchton are collaborating on the development of the wildland fire management program, as directed by DOE Order 450.1.

Manny L,Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) has been reviewing the status of fire roads at LANL and noted that the roads at DX are in good shape. The condition of the road in Water Canyon has not been evaluated.

Cassandra Begay (DOE, Los Alamos Area Organization) reported that the fire-support helicopter will arrive at the TA-49 Fire Operations Center on May 7.

Marla Rodgers (Bandelier National Monument) announced that Gary Kemp has been appointed the Fire Management Officer for the Monument. Gary will begin his duties in early June. Marla also announced that the Monument will conduct a pack test on May 10 at 8:30. For further information, contact Marla at 505-672-3861 x551.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) and others submitted a proposal to the LDRD committee to investigate fire-behavior thresholds and apply these thresholds to physics-based fire behavior models, heat-transfer based fire behavior models and management-decision modeling systems.

Susan DiMauro (Davey Resources Group) thanked, through an email, the supporters and volunteers who helped make Defensible Space Day a success.

Manny L,Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) announced through email notifications that the LANL fire danger is high. One-hour and ten-hour fuel moistures are 4 to 5 percent. The moisture content of larger fuels ranges from 5 to 30 percent.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 5, at TA-21, Building 210 in the RRES-ECO Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.